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Decision on Idland Case by WSP Slated for early November

The WSP will make its determination on the future status of Mr. Michael Idland by early November. Originally, the State Patrol had hoped to have a final decision by October 5th; however, following guidance from the Washington State Attorney General's Office, this decision has been postponed for about a month.

"We must abide by Administrative Case Law as well as labor contracts," explained WSP Captain Jeff DeVere. "We are following the advice of our attorney general in order to ensure the administrative investigation is done in a complete, fair and thorough manner," he said. After further review it has been determined that to ensure the most thorough and complete investigation Mr. Idland must be interviewed. This is the cause of the delay. Although the interview should only take one day, the decision maker must have time to review and consider the information provided by Mr. Idland prior to decision.

"We want to assure the public that this is a complete investigation so that at the end of the day, the right decision that will stand up to scrutiny will be made to determine this employee's future employment," DeVere said.

The media will be notified and press availability will be made once the decision is final.

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